

Thinking with Walter Benjamin

Melbourne Law School Room 628
University of Melbourne
7–8 February 2019

Convenors: Adil Hasan Khan and Ben Silverstein

Thursday 7 February

9.00-9.30	Welcome and introductions
9.30-10.30	Alison Ross, 'What is Walter Benjamin's Idea of Communist Society?'
10.30-10.50	Morning Tea
10.50-11.50	Leslie, 'Walter Benjamin: the refugee and migrant' Karavan's Passages Presenter: Jordy Silverstein
12.00-1.00	Adorno, 'The Actuality of Philosophy' Presenter: Shane Chalmers
1.00-2.00	Lunch
2.00-3.00	Benjamin, 'On the Concept of History' Presenter: Ben Silverstein
3.00-3.20	Afternoon Tea
3.20-4.20	Benjamin, 'Surrealism: The Last Snapshot of the European Intelligentsia' Chronology 1929 Wolin, <i>Walter Benjamin</i> , pp 213-18 Löwy, 'Walter Benjamin and Surrealism: The Story of a Revolutionary Spell' Ganguly, 'Profane Illuminations and the Everyday' Presenter: Fleur Johns
4.30-5.30	Benjamin, 'Paris, the capital of the nineteenth century' Presenter: Ntina Tzouvala
6.30 onwards	Workshop Dinner: Shakahari, 201–3 Faraday Street, Carlton

Friday 8 February

9.00-10.00	Ned Curthoys, 'Hannah Arendt as friend, publisher, and interpreter of Walter Benjamin'
10.00-10.15	Morning Tea
10.15-11.15	Kafka, ' The Truth about Sancho Panza ' Benjamin, 'Franz Kafka' Menachem Feuer, ' Should I stay in or Can I Get Out of Here? ' Presenter: Adil Hasan Khan
11.15-12.15	Kafka, 'A Message from the Emperor' Kafka, 'Before the Law' from <i>The Trial</i> Benjamin, 'Franz Kafka' Benjamin and Scholem, correspondence Presenter: Raphael Dascalu
12.15-1.00	Lunch
1.00-2.00	Benjamin, 'Colonial pedagogy', and chapters 37 and 38 of <i>The Storyteller</i> Presenter: Chris Danta
2.00-2.15	Afternoon Tea
2.15-3.15	Benjamin, 'Capitalism as Religion' Presenter: Jessica Whyte
3.15-4.15	Bredecamp et al, 'From Walter Benjamin to Carl Schmitt, via Thomas Hobbes' Presenter: Richard Joyce
4.15-4.30	Closing discussion